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*Sumitra*

They are not a whit more  
my own  
than my people. They are  
robbers,  
who, under the cover of your  
throne\*  
seek for their victims\*

*Fikram*

They are Jaisen, Shila, Ajit.

*Sumitra*

My country must be rid of  
them\*

*Vikram*

They will not move without  
fight.

*Sumitra*

Then fight them, Sire.

*Vikram*

Fight ? But let me  
conquer *you*  
first, and then I shall have  
time to  
conquer my enemies-